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ATTENTION: Official Inspection Stations, Quality Assurance Officers, and Pennsylvania State Police

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INSPECTOR CREDENTIALS

Effective April 1, 2015, Please be advised that when you receive your safety inspection credential the card will no longer be issued laminated.

MODIFIED VEHICLE TITLING PROCEDURE

A modified vehicle is a type of vehicle required to be registered that has been materially altered by the addition, deletion, substitution, or modification of the body, chassis, or essential parts, new or used. The term does not include vehicles repaired to the function and appearance of their original condition or vehicles for which final stage or second stage manufacturers provide a manufacturer statement of origin or a federally required certification label at the time of the original title and registration application.

Any removal, alteration, or substitution of essential parts, which would tend to conceal the identity of the vehicle or substantially alter its appearance, model, type, or mode of operation, would require the vehicle to undergo an enhanced safety inspection and the modified vehicle titling process. Some examples of vehicle modifications which would require a Modified Vehicle Title include but are not limited to: changing fuel type (e.g. gasoline to diesel), addition or removal of an axle, replacing the engine (e.g. replacing stock engine with an engine that was not available as original equipment on the vehicle), changing a standard truck bed to a flat bed or dump bed, or changing the vehicle body type (e.g. bus to truck).

All modified vehicles must undergo an enhanced vehicle safety inspection to ensure the vehicle is in compliance with all the vehicle and equipment inspection regulations for that type of vehicle. The enhanced inspection must be performed at an enhanced vehicle safety inspection station. A list of these stations can be found at www.dmv.state.pa.us. Click on Locations, then Find an Enhanced Safety Inspection Station, then Enhanced Vehicle Safety Inspection Stations. After undergoing and successfully passing the enhanced safety inspection and the vehicle is titled as a modified vehicle, the vehicle must then undergo an annual or semi-annual safety inspection.

If you have any questions, please contact the Vehicle Inspection Division at (717) 787-2895.

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